Rural Industrialisation Scheme and Industrial Progress in the State.

*Q.—399. Sri H. R. KESHAVA MURTHY (Gandasi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) Since how long the Rural Industrialisation Scheme is in force in the State ;

(*b*) the new Rural Industries started since 1958 in the State ;

(*c*) the amount of capital spent to start such rural Industries and the amount spent during different years since 1958 for the implementation of the scheme ;

(*d*) the progress made so far in various sectors of the scheme ;

(*e*) whether it is the intention of the Government to spread the scheme to the entire Rural areas of the State and if so, within how many years ?

A.—Sri K. MALLAPPA (Minister for Industries and Commerce).—

(*a*) Since January 1950.

(*b*) Information is not readily available as no separate account is kept regarding new rural industries aided under the scheme.

(*c*) The information regarding the amount of capital spent to start such rural industries is not readily available. The particulars of loans advanced and the amount spent towards the implementation of the scheme are as follows :—

Year	Rs.
1957-58	56,92,195
1958-59	20,61,141
1959-60	8,21,045
1960-61	15,03,511
1961-62	10,38,875

(*d*) Since the inception of the scheme loans amounting to Rs. 164·92 lakhs have been advanced by the Rural Industrial Financing Bank, to 27,000 rural and small industrialists handling various types of rural and small scale industries. Liberalised loan assistance has been extended to the poor class artisans under the 'Poor Class Artisan Surety Loan Scheme' and a sum of Rs. 9,99,475 in about 4,000 cases has been disbursed under the scheme. This has greatly helped rural people to find part-time or full-time employment and improve their economic condition.

(*e*) The scheme is already in operation throughout the State.